

# STATE OF WASHINGTON FOREST PRACTICES BOARD

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## **Public Hearing - July 16, 2002 3:00 p.m.**

1111 Washington St SE Olympia, WA - NRB Bldg. Room 461

**Public comment period: June 5, 2002 through July 17, 2002, 5 p.m.**

## **Background Information:**

- Proposed permanent rule for WAC 222-26-050, Salvage of Logging Residue.
- Notice was sent to interested parties on mailing list on June 7, 2002.
- The proposed rule would correct an error to WAC 222-16-050 that, if implemented as written, would likely result in damage to public resources and an inconsistency with the definition of Class II Forest Practices in RCW 76.09.050. The existing rules under WAC 222-16-050, that became effective on July 1, 2001, contained an error that would classify the salvage of logging residue as a Class II Forest Practice, regardless of whether this action occurs within a riparian management zone of a Type F water, within a bankfull width of a Type Np water, within a wetland or wetland management zone, or involves the use of mechanized equipment on slopes greater than 40 percent. The current rule language is outside the original intent of the Forest Practices Board and could result in damages to public resources. Additionally, this error causes existing rules to be inconsistent with Chapter 76.09 RCW.
- Next Steps:
  - All comments will be recorded and included in a comment summary.
  - Comment summaries will be mailed to the Forest Practices Board.
  - The Forest Practices Board will consider all comments.
  - A Concise Explanatory Statement and comment summary will be prepared and mailed to each commenter.
  - The Forest Practices Board will consider adopting this rule at their meeting on August 7, 2002 at the John L. O'Brien Building, Hearing Room C, in Olympia.
  - If the rule is adopted at the August 7, 2002 meeting, it is expected to go into effect 31 days after filing with the Office of the Code Reviser.